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INFORMATION PROCESSING )  
APPARATUS, INFORMATION )  
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PROGRAM )

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A copy of the listed Japanese patent document and an English translation thereof are attached.

The listed Japanese patent document was cited in a Japanese Office Action issued October 6, 2009, from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-385591, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of the Japanese Office Action.

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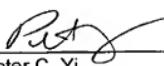
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